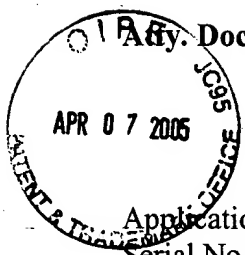


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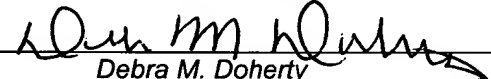
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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the applicant requests consideration of this information disclosure statement.

**Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97**

This information disclosure statement has been filed more than three months after the filing date of this application and after the mailing date of the first office action, but before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113 or a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311.

The applicant hereby certifies, as specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e), that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart for this application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. No fee is required.

### **Information Cited**

The applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the relative importance of the references. Applicants have omitted from this submission copies of the cited U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications in accordance with the Office's waiver of the requirement under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(i) for all U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003. See "Information Disclosure Statements May Be Filed Without Copies of U.S. Patents and Published Applications in Patent Applications filed after June 30, 2003," USPTO Pre-OG Notice, July 11, 2003.

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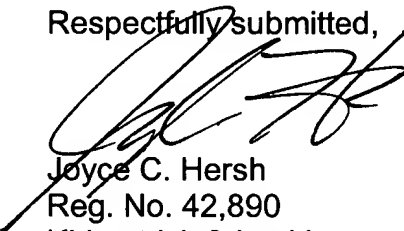
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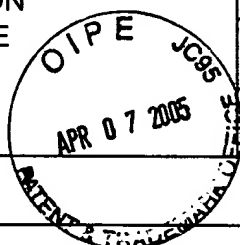


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